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Pursuant to Rule 8.4 of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC or Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) submits this notice of *ex parte* communication.

On June 14 at approximately 1:30 PM, representatives from EDF and Siemens had a meeting with Scott Murtishaw, Energy Advisor to Commission President Michael Picker. Bonnie Datta, Principal Consultant was present on behalf of Siemens; Jamie Fine, Senior Economist, Larissa Koehler, Attorney, and Calvin Bryne, Legal and Legislative Intern, were all present on behalf of EDF. The meeting took place in a conference room in the CPUC building at 505 Van Ness in San Francisco, and lasted 30 minutes.

Broadly, EDF and Siemens discussed time-of-use (TOU) opt-in and default utility pilots, as well as marketing, education, and outreach for those pilots. More specifically, representatives from EDF and Siemens discussed the potential means by which customers can be given sufficient choice with regards to rate setting, as well as best practices in facilitating customer communication and engagement. They then highlighted the critical role of technology in

successfully implementing TOU rates and the usefulness of real-time pricing. In addition, meeting participants discussed the potential need for bill impact mitigation and the need to compare TOU efforts in California to ongoing programs in other jurisdictions domestically and internationally in order to incorporate lessons learned.

Finally, the parties discussed timeline and methodology for implementation of default TOU rates.

A handout describing the views of EDF and Siemens on TOU rate structures was given to Mr. Murtishaw at the conclusion of the meeting. It is included in this filing as Attachment A.

Respectfully signed and submitted on June 16, 2016.

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